PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. 99-722)

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) Examiner: Heitbrink, Timothy
) Group Art Unit: 1722
)) Confirmation No.: 8375
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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants request a One (1) Month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2006. Accordingly, a Response is timely filed on or before September 9, 2006.

The fee associated with this Petition (\$120.00) has been charged herewith to our Deposit Account during the electronic filing process.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment associated with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,

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